

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY, FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR § 1.63)		Case No.: 58238US002
		First Named Inventor: WILLIAM V. DOWER
COMPLETE IF KNOWN		
		Application No.:
		Filing Date: August 21, 2003
		Art Unit:
		Examiner Name:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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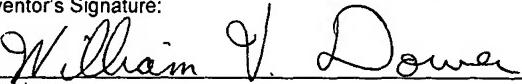
I also appoint the following Practitioners as my attorneys and/or agents with full powers (including the powers of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute this application and any division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: None

The mailing address and the telephone number of the above-identified attorneys and/or agents are that of Customer No. 32692.

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.
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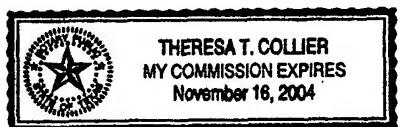
- for which an application for a United States Patent is being filed contemporaneously herewith;
 for which an application for a United States Patent identified as U.S. Patent Application No. _____; was filed on _____;
 which application is identified as PCT International Patent Application No. filed ;

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, I/we have agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto the 3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY, a wholly-owned subsidiary of 3M COMPANY, and a corporation of Delaware, having its principal office at Saint Paul, Minnesota, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any division or continuation (in whole or in part) of said application, and in and to any and all improvements in the said invention made by me or made jointly with others (provided any such improvement is made during, or within one year after the termination of, my employment by 3M COMPANY and any of its existing or future subsidiaries), and in and to any and all Letters Patent, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted thereon or on any divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reexamination, reissue, or other or further application based in whole or in part upon the said invention or improvements thereon, to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by me/us had this assignment and transfer not been made;

I/We do further agree for myself/ourselves and for my/our heirs, executors, and administrators, to execute and deliver without further consideration any further applications, assignments, and documents, and to perform such other acts as I/we lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees, fully to secure its right, title, and interest as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in any and all countries; and

I/We do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to said 3M Innovative Properties Company, as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein.

In witness whereof, I/we have signed my/our name(s) on the day and year set forth below.

Given Name (first and middle [if any]): WILLIAM V.	Family Name or Surname: DOWER	
Inventor's Signature: <i>William V. Dower</i>	Date: <i>Aug 21 / 03</i>	
Residence: Austin, Texas	Country: USA	Citizenship: United States of America
STATE OF TEXAS) TRAVIS) ss. COUNTY OF Austin)		
On this <u>21st</u> day of <u>August</u> , <u>2003</u> , before me personally appeared the above-named WILLIAM V. DOWER, and who executed the foregoing instrument, as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.		
(Seal) 	<u>Theresa T. Collier</u> Notary Public	